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NEAR EAST RELIEF
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CHURCH CO-OPERATION IN NEAR EAST RELIEF

Containing Denominational Endorsements, Advisory Committees,
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ADVENT CHRISTIAN

Endorsement by the Inter-State Sunday School Council (New England, New York and Pennsylvania), Boston, Mass., May 25, 1923:

Resolved, That the Inter-State Sunday School Council endorse the activities of the Near East Relief and recommend that our Sunday Schools give this most excellent work their hearty and liberal support.

Letter sent to Sunday School Superintendents by the Chairman of the Advent Christian Sunday School Committee:

Boston, Mass., October 30, 1923.

To the Pastor or Superintendent,
Greeting:

The work of our Advent Christian Sunday Schools in the interests of the Near East Relief has been of high value. The need is still great, and any courtesies or aid which our schools can give to the officials of the Near East Relief in this work, has the endorsement of the Sunday School leaders of the denomination.

Very truly yours,
H. E. THOMPSON.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF LOYAL WORKERS

The Official Board instructed the Topics Committee to provide a Near East Relief topic in March, 1924.

ADVENTIST, SEVENTH DAY

Endorsement by the General Conference (Quadrennial), San Francisco, California, June, 1922, authorizing a Near East Relief Campaign to be promoted by their own Board:

We approve of the action of the General Conference Committee of 1921 in setting apart a day in which offerings should be received from our people to be placed in the hands of Near East Relief, and we authorize the incoming Conference Committee to set apart a day in the coming year for the same purpose.

BAPTIST, NORTHERN

Endorsement by the Northern Baptist Convention, Atlantic City, N. J., May 24, 1923:

1. The Northern Baptist Convention recognizes the immediate and compelling need of the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by the continuous expulsions of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief and in the excellent work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere, and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of a new Near East.

3. We approve the co-operation that our churches, Sunday Schools and various organizations and officials have given this organization, and we hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and co-operate with Near East Relief in its regular community campaigns.
4. We continue an Advisory Committee to co-operate with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program, such committee to consist of 25 members to be appointed by the President of the Northern Baptist Convention, seven of whom shall be designated as an executive committee.
5. We ask the Advisory Committee to consider the question of justice and protection for Christian minorities and co-operate, where it is deemed wise, with other interested organizations, to develop a public conscience which will support our Government in taking active measures for a permanent and just solution of the Near East problem.

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JUSTICE PRONOUNCEMENT

Justice pronouncement by the Northern Baptist Convention:

Whereas, Under the providence of God the nations of the earth have become so vitally interrelated that no single nation can longer hold itself aloof in selfish isolation without guilt, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we urge the Administration at Washington to effect such international agreement as shall enable us to put the strength of our wisdom and experience at the service of humanity and enable us to carry our share of the world's burden through an association of nations and an international court, and that we express our approval of the efforts thus far made by President Harding to this end.

Second, We record our horror at the unparalleled outrage suffered by the Armenians and other peoples at the hands of the Turks, and we deplore as a wrong against humanity the attitude of the allied nations, and especially America, for failure to protect these people from the despoiler.

We rejoice in the splendid work of the Near East Relief in caring for the needy children and reaffirm our sympathy and co-operation in its work, but

believe that the problems presented are too great to be solved by private charity. We therefore urge our Government to take a strong initiative in securing the co-operation of the nation in handling these problems regarding the protection and promotion of human rights more important than economic concessions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resolution by the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., September 26, 1923:

Whereas, Reports from the Near East Relief show continued suffering and lack of the necessities of life among the Armenians and other people of Bible lands, and many thousands of orphan children of martyred Christian parents of these lands look to us for the means to live and prepare themselves to carry forward the sacred traditions and holy ideals of their ancient national life, and

Whereas, The Near East Relief reports that it has fed 100,000 refugees since the Smyrna disaster, to prevent them from starving, and that food supplies for Near East Relief orphanages in the Levant are practically exhausted, and that the work of the coming year will include less refugee work, as the refugees are increasingly finding means of self-support, so that the Near East Relief is enabled to give more attention to constructive work for children in orphanages, in which lies the big hope for reconstruction in the Near East, and

Whereas, The Near East Relief is an organization chartered by the United States Congress for the express purpose of receiving and administering American relief to these people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Baptist Publication Society approves the appeal made by the Near East Relief for this coming year, and urges all Northern Baptist Sunday Schools to support this cause to the fullest extent by requesting our pastors and churches to co-operate in every way in promoting this appeal.

Letter sent to Sunday School Superintendents by the General Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society:

September 24, 1923.

Dear Brother:

Again from the Near East we hear the cries of little children who need our help. The Near East Relief is appealing this year particularly for funds to "carry on" in their orphanage work. The lives of many thousands of children have been saved thus far. The task now remains to us of developing these little ones into useful citizens. They need education and training for service in productive lines that will make them self-supporting, and in addition there is also their constant need of food and clothing.

We are again sending our appeal in behalf of the Near East Relief to the Sunday Schools of the Northern Baptist Churches for help this year. Doubtless similar appeals will be made in the next few years, until those who are now in the orphanages have been brought to the place where they can make a living independently.

The Near East Relief is an organization chartered by the United States Congress for the express purpose of receiving and administering American relief funds for these people. In the name of the Friend of all children I am writing to urge our Sunday Schools to respond to this appeal, and to plan for a special offering for the relief of the orphaned children of Bible lands. Contributions to this emergency relief work do not count on the New World Movement funds. Our gifts are all over and above, and are given in loving loyalty to the Master.

Contributions should be sent direct to the Near East Relief, 151 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or to the Near East Relief State Office, and should be made at the time that is most convenient to the local Sunday School in view of its other needs and interests. The earlier it can be made, the more service your contribution will render. Further information will probably be sent to you by the Near East Relief Secretary of your State. I trust that you will strengthen his hands by giving him the fullest co-operation possible.

Very sincerely yours,

GILBERT N. BRINK

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

Endorsement by the Baptist Young People's Union of America, July 6, 1923, at Boston, Mass.:

Nearly two million people have been driven from their homes in Turkey. Their only crime was that they refused to accept Mohammed as the Prophet of God in the place of the Christ to whom they and their ancestors had been true for over fifteen hundred years. No Christian can be indifferent to their need.

We rejoice in the splendid program of relief, education and industrial training that has been established by Near East Relief among these people. We rejoice, too, in the share that our Baptists have had in this work from its very inception. For the more effective co-operation of Baptist young people in this task that is so eminently Christlike in spirit and that has such great possibilities of bringing about a permanent solution of the problem of the Near East, we recommend that the Baptist Young People's Union of America take the following action:

First—set aside a Near East Relief day each year for the special study of the situation and need of the peoples of the Near East, and also give it place on programs of State and Association Conventions.

Second—recommend that all Baptist Young People's Societies seek some definite co-operation in the program of relief and training, this co-operation to be along the lines approved by the Baptists of Canada and the United States, both North and South.

Third—appoint from the Members of the Board of Managers, a committee of co-operation through whom the Baptist Young People's Union of America may voice its convictions that in International relationships the protection and promotion of human life and justice are of more importance than economic concessions, and that there should be international action to secure justice to the Christian minorities of the Near East.

B. Y. P. U. COMMITTEE

Rev. James Asa White, Ph.D., <i>Chairman</i> , Denver, Colo.	Mr. Elgin Smith, Washington, D. C.
Mr. H. F. Smaltz, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Mr. F. E. Sadler, Louisville, Ky.
Rev. M. F. McCutcheon, Montreal, Canada	Rev. W. G. Towart, Bennington, Vt.
	Rev. F. C. Stifler, Wilmette, Ill.

BAPTIST, SOUTHERN

Endorsement by the Southern Baptist Convention, Kansas City, Mo., May 19, 1923, favoring co-operation, appointing the Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board as the agents with whom Near East Relief will work in presenting the cause to their churches, and instructing them to appoint a day for the appeal.

Near East Relief desires to make its appeal to Southern Baptists completely in accord with the action of the Convention and is trying to work out a co-operative method with the Foreign Missions Board.

Baptist Young People's Union. See above.

Statement by Rev. Henry Allen Tupper, D.D.:

The question has been asked me, "Why should we give to Near East Relief when denominational claims are so strong?" I have been for many years and am now deeply interested in the work at home and abroad of the Baptists. As a pastor and as a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and other organizations of the denominations, I have encouraged denominational work in all lands. But I am convinced that the work of Near East Relief is necessarily broader than the work of any single church or denomination. It appeals to persons of all of our churches and to persons of no church or denomination to help toward the betterment and salvation of millions of persons untouched by any ecclesiastic organization.

BAPTIST, SEVENTH DAY

Endorsement by the General Conference, Shiloh, N. J., August 28, 1921:

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference heartily endorses the Christian and humanitarian work being done by Near East Relief, and recognizing the splendid service that our Seventh Day Baptist congregations can render, urges all the churches to kindly consider the appeals for material and financial assistance.

Statement from the President, Oct. 22, 1923:

Our people have taken a deep interest in the work of the Near East Relief, and have generously contributed to it in the past and will continue to do so.

A. L. DAVIS.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Resolution by the Sabbath School Board, Milton, Wisc., June 6, 1923:

The Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference records with appreciation the splendid co-operation of our Sabbath School leaders in presenting the Near East Relief to the Sabbath Schools, and also the generous response which the Sabbath Schools have made to this worthy cause.

We recognize that the need for a support fund of large proportions still continues, since more than 100,000 orphan children are dependent upon Near East Relief for their support, and that the training for future leadership of this great body of dependent children is not only a responsibility but an opportunity for constructive work never before offered to the American churches.

We, therefore, hope that our people will continue their support undiminished, and will co-operate with the Near East Relief in presenting the cause to their Sabbath Schools during the coming year.

Letter sent by the Secretary of the Board to Sabbath School Superintendents:

Dear Fellow Worker:

As we have now begun a new year of study in Sabbath School work it behooves us to glance over the field that is covered by our activities and to get a wider conception of the world's needs and our own responsibility in helping to meet them.

As we look out upon the autumn beauties and think back upon the rest of the summer vacation, and then look forward to Thanksgiving and a little later to the glad Christmas season, as we look upon the happy faces of our children as they have again taken up the year's tasks in the schools and in the homes, we cannot help but give thanks to a loving Heavenly Father, who has permitted us to enjoy all these blessings without being hampered by the superstitions and traditions of heathen lands, or wounded and oppressed by the hands of tyrants.

We have to confess, however, to a feeling of sadness whenever we think how these conditions do not prevail all over the world. Our hearts are burdened with the pathetic calls from our mission fields and from the lands devastated by famine and pestilence, but especially are we touched by the tales of horror that come to us from the Bible lands, where hundreds of thousands of orphan children are suffering the pangs of hunger and disease, and are deprived of the love and affectionate care of parents, largely because they have dared to proclaim their faith in the Christian religion.

These multitudes of homeless wanderers are dependent for all their food and clothing and medical attention upon the support that is furnished them by the Near East Relief. They have been helped by this worthy charitable agency for several years, and the assistance must be continued for some time to come.

The Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference has endorsed the splendid work that Near East Relief is doing, and urges all of

our Sabbath Schools to remember this great cause with generous contributions.

When we are giving of our love and money to our own dear ones, and to the missions and charities that are particularly near to our denomination, let us not forget to share our gifts of sympathy and support with these unfortunate waifs that are being sustained by Near East Relief.

Sincerely yours,
A. L. BURDICK.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CONSERVATIVE)

Endorsement by the General Convention, Calgary, Canada, June 18, 1923:

Recognizing the continued need in those regions which have been devastated by war, we commend our Sunday Schools and congregations for their contributions for the relief of the suffering in such regions, and urge that all contributions should conserve a fit sense of proportion between spiritual and physical needs; also that these contributions be made through our own church boards.

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Rev. J. E. Miller, *Chairman*,
Elgin, Ill.

Rev. H. Spenser Minnich,
Elgin, Ill.

Rev. M. R. Ziegler, Elgin, Ill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. J. E. Miller, Editor of "Our Young People," writes that publicity is being given and that contributions are being received.

BRETHREN CHURCH (PROGRESSIVE)

Endorsement by General Conference, Ashland, Ohio, August 29, 1923:

Be It Resolved, That we recognize the great service of the Near East Relief organization and gladly commend to our people the support appealed for.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Endorsement by the General Convention (Quadrennial), 1922, at Burlington, N. C.:

Resolved, That we urge our pastors to help create throughout the country such a Christian public opinion as will support our Government in carrying out a constructive policy for the protection of the Armenian people.

That this Convention appoint an International Relief Committee, consisting of representatives from our five Regional Conventions, to co-operate with the Near East Relief organization, and that, as nearly as possible, Near East Relief funds be raised on the Sunday before Christmas in the North, and on January 21 in the Southern Convention.

That all funds raised for said purpose shall pass through the hands of the Convention Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

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Rev. A. M. Kerr, D.D.,
Dayton, Ohio

Rev. J. F. Burnett, D.D.,
Dayton, Ohio

Rev. W. H. Martin, D.D., Dayton, Ohio

Resolution by the General Boards, 1923, Dayton, Ohio:

Resolved, That the churches of the Christian denomination take the Near East offerings at Christmas time, according to the action of the Burlington Convention.

That churches taking the offerings shall not be called upon by Near East Relief in community drives, nor shall they be considered negligent in refusing to enter into community campaigns for Near East Relief, if they have taken the offering during the year.

That department heads insist that the Near East offices furnish their programs for community campaigns within the states where the Christian Churches are located and instruct their workers to co-operate with the Christian Church plans in sending all money raised in individual churches through denominational channels.

Statement by the Chairman:

It has been said that there is no greater missionary problem before the world today than the Near East cause. It is certain that the project is large enough to call forth the fullest co-operation of all the Christian folk in America. We are glad for what our folks have done in the past and also confident that we shall do no less but more and more as we come to know the most urgent need of the future.

F. R. BEACH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Board of Christian Education is co-operating with the Committee on International Relief.

A letter will be sent to the Superintendents of the Southern Convention which will observe the Armenian Christmas Sunday, January 20, 1924.

CHURCH OF GOD

Endorsement by the General Ministerial Assembly, Anderson, Ind., June 17-24, 1923:

1. The General Assembly of the Church of God recognizes the immediate and compelling need of the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by continuous expulsions of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by the Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief and in the excellent work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of a new Near East.
3. We approve the co-operation that our churches, Sunday Schools and various organizations and officials have given this organization, which is finely representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects, and we hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and co-operate with Near East Relief in its regular campaigns.
4. We continue the Advisory Committee to co-operate with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program.
5. We ask the Advisory Committee to consider the question of justice and protection for Christian minorities and co-operate where they deem wise, with other interested organizations, to develop a public conscience which will support our Government in taking active measures for a permanent and just solution of the Near East situation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. E. E. Byrum,
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Mr. J. W. Phelps,
Anderson, Ind.

Rev. H. A. Sherwood,
Anderson, Ind.
Mr. F. G. Smith,
Anderson, Ind.

Mr. E. A. Reardon, Anderson, Ind.

CONGREGATIONAL

Endorsement by the National Council, Springfield, Mass., October 16-23, 1923:

Resolved, That the National Council expresses its approval of the great work carried on by the Near East Relief and its admiration for the heroic and efficient manner in which unforeseen emergencies have been met. It urges upon the churches their continued support of this great agency of Christian mercy until such time as the forlorn and destitute Christian peoples of the Near East shall be able to care for themselves, and until this multitude of orphaned children have arrived at the years and the condition of self-support. This both in fulfillment of our Christian duty and in recognition of our American responsibility in the comity of nations.

The above action was taken as a result of the following conclusions submitted in the report of the Advisory Committee:

(1) It is obvious that the care of the orphaned children must be continued until they arrive at years of self-support.

(2) It is almost equally obvious that the adult refugees who have been left homeless and destitute must be helped until they get on their feet again, with the means of self-support for the future.

(3) Some home must be found for the expatriated people who have been cast forth as fugitives and without a country.

COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL AND INTER-RACIAL RELATIONS AND NEAR EAST RELIEF

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Upper Montclair, N. J.

JUSTICE PRONOUNCEMENT

Justice pronouncement by the National Council:

The grave wrong done to the minority populations in the Near East, involving the expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Christians from their ancestral homes and the elimination of indigenous peoples from Asia Minor, presents such a tragic situation and such an appalling violation of every consideration of justice and humanity, that we appeal to our Government, even at this late hour, to use its full influence to secure a just and righteous settlement.

Upon our Government there seems to us to rest at least a threefold responsibility:

1. We believe that the problem presented by the suffering of one million and three hundred and ten thousand Greek and Armenian refugees, whose

property has been confiscated, and who are now crowded into refugee camps, without money, without clothing, without food or shelter, is too great to be solved by private charity. The co-operation of the governments of the Western World is necessary to deal in any adequate way with such a catastrophe. We urge our Government to take a strong initiative in securing the appointment of an International Commission to handle the refugee problem in the Near East.

2. In view of the terrific difficulties which the Greek government faces in coping with the overwhelming problems thrust upon it by the presence of the refugees we believe that our Government should give it the support which would come from a prompt resumption of diplomatic relations.

Finally, we believe that our Government will not be true to its ideals if it supports American financial interests which seek economic concessions in Turkey and at the same time gives scant consideration to the demands of millions of American citizens who have contributed with unparalleled generosity to the preservation of the minorities in the Near East. We are convinced that the problem of relief cannot be permanently solved apart from the question of securing justice for these oppressed people.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Letter from the General Secretary of the Congregational Education Society, to Sunday School Superintendents:

Dear Superintendent:

Oct. 15, 1923.

Boys are working in the Near East Relief carpenter shop in Nazareth today because American Sunday Schools reached across the sea and saved them from starvation.

Children are sheltered in Near East Relief Orphanages in Bethlehem where "there was no room in the inn."

Where the Temple looked out over Jerusalem, children you saved are learning to live.

And over in Macedonia other Near East Relief children are walking where Paul trod.

America is paying her debt to the land that gave us our Bible. I earnestly hope that all our people will continue steadfast in their co-operation with Near East Relief until these children shall be old enough to go out to take their places in the Eastern World as useful citizens filled with the ideals of Christian America.

To this end will you not co-operate in every possible way with the Near East Relief Director for your State when he comes to you?

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK M. SHELDON.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Endorsement by the International Convention, Colorado Springs, Sept. 3-9, 1923:

1. The International Convention of Disciples of Christ recognizes the immediate and compelling need of the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by continuous expulsions of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief and in the excellent work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of a new Near East.
3. We approve the co-operation that our churches, Sunday Schools and various organizations and officials have given this organization, which is finely representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects, and we hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and co-operate with Near East Relief in its regular campaigns.
4. We continue an Advisory Committee to co-operate with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program, with a sub-committee of this Committee in the region of New York to act as an ad interim committee.

5. We ask the Advisory Committee to consider the question of justice and protection for Christian minorities and co-operate where they deem wise, with other interested organizations, to develop a public conscience which will support our Government in taking active measures for a permanent and just solution of the Near East situation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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BIBLE SCHOOL

Mr. Robert M. Hopkins, Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, will make an appeal to all the Bible Schools to take an offering during the month of February, 1924.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Endorsement by the Board of Sunday Schools, Cleveland, Ohio, November, 1922:

In consideration of the desperate need in the Near East, we desire to call to the attention of our Sunday Schools the duty we owe to the people in that destitute land. Added to the great responsibility of caring for the orphans and refugees for which the Near East Relief has been ministering, is the responsibility of meeting the emergency caused by the collapse of the Greek army in Smyrna. Five hundred thousand (500,000) more Christian refugees are dependent upon Christian charity with the burning of Smyrna. The last of the seven churches of Asia Minor has disappeared.

We wish to endorse the appeal of Near East Relief in behalf of the 110,000 orphans now under its care. We realize that the work of the Near East must go on. It would be against the spirit of the great Leader of our church to allow these helpless wards of Christian America to suffer.

Therefore, we recommend that our Sunday Schools should be sympathetic to the appeals which are made from time to time by the Near East Relief and suggest that our Schools make a liberal offering in behalf of this great work.

Bishop L. H. SEAGER
Mr. H. W. SHAFFER
Rev. J. F. GROSS

EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

Endorsement by the Board of Religious Education, Kansas City, Missouri, July 2, 1923:

In consideration of the desperate need in Central European countries and in the Near East, so emphatically set forth in the appeals of the Central European and Near East Relief organizations, we earnestly recommend to our Sunday Schools the liberal and continuous support of this work in the spirit of our Master.

Statement by Dr. Paul A. Menzel, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Evangelical Synod of North America:

Despite the urgent calls coming to us with new force from the countries of Central Europe, we cannot and must not ignore the cries of the Near East, blending in one the voices of hundreds of thousands of orphans and widows. If the renewed calamity is largely chargeable to the ambitions of the World Powers, the helpless populations must not be left to perish.

Many of the churches of the Evangelical Synod have for years had a special interest in the Near East area through their support of the Syrian Orphanage at Jerusalem. During the war the Near East Relief maintained this institution altogether, and at the present time is giving it the most splendid assistance whereby its very continuance is alone made possible. Thus there has been even, heretofore, a direct fellowship in interest and service between our churches and Near East Relief at this direct point of touch. May this beginning lead us in the Evangelical Church to something even larger.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Endorsement by the General Conference, Independence, Missouri, Oct. 11, 1923:

Be it resolved

1. That the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in General Conference Session renew its approval of the work of the Near East Relief.
2. That we ask our pastors and other officials to arrange for an adequate annual presentation of Near East Relief in the churches, Sunday Schools, and other Church organizations, preferably in connection with community campaigns.
3. That we assure our government officials that America supports them in the efforts that have been made to adjust international relationships, and will support them in whatever future steps may be necessary to protect Christian minorities and bring abiding justice and peace among the nations.
4. That we urge continued intercession on these matters.

LUTHERAN, UNITED

Endorsement, on recommendation of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, by the Convention (Quadrennial), October 12, 1922, Buffalo, N. Y.:

Resolved, That we, the United Lutheran Church, highly recommend this work of mercy to our pastors and congregations.

At the meeting of the Executive Board in early December it was decided to give the initiative to the various Synods for their co-operation.

LUTHER LEAGUE

Endorsement by the Luther League of America, September 21, 1922, York, Pa.:

Having heard the cry of dire distress and destitution that comes from our brethren in devastated Europe, and learning of the awful massacres of the Armenians and other Christian people, even our own brethren, in the Near East, and the almost entire extermination of men, women and children by the sword and by famine, be it

Resolved, That this body, in convention assembled, desires to answer this cry, (1) through its unceasing prayers that the hand of the destroyer may be stayed, and (2) through its liberal gifts, from leagues and from individuals, in order that the perishing may be preserved and saved.

Statement by Rev. G. Bayard Young, D.D.:

Deeply conscious of the dire need of great multitudes in the Near East and realizing the wise, efficient and faithful service rendered by the Near East Relief Committee in its great work of mercy, it gives me pleasure to most heartily commend the work being accomplished through the above agency. At the same time we would call attention to the official action taken by the United Lutheran Church at its last biennial convention, held in the city of Buffalo.

Having personally witnessed the need and the work in progress, I earnestly hope the Lutheran churches of America will be opened again to learn the present facts and to give our people opportunity to support the work.

MENNONITE

Endorsement by the Mennonite Annual Meeting, June 3, 1922, Archbold, Ohio:

Resolved, That we favor continued support of Near East Relief by receiving and forwarding funds given for the needy under their care.

Resolved, That the Mennonite Relief Commission and others of the brotherhood interested in relief work assembled in Annual Meeting at the Mennonite Church, near Archbold, Ohio, June 3, 1922, herewith send hearty greetings and sincere good wishes to all of our brethren and sisters engaged in relief work in the Near East and in Russia, and that we assure them of our continued interest and support with our means and prayers and wish them God's protection and His choicest blessings, hoping that in all their life and work they may remain faithful and loyal to God and the Church.

The Mennonite Near East Relief Commission, Scottdale, Pa., transmits funds.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Endorsement by the Board of Bishops, Wichita, Kansas, May 5, 1923:

The native population of Asia Minor continues to appeal to the sympathy of the Christian peoples of the world. In that unhappy land multitudes are starving and are still the victims of cruel persecution or have been expelled from home and country. All are without the protection of government and without the hope of speedy relief of international intervention.

Under these circumstances the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church commend to Christian people the Near East Relief organization which is finely representative of the co-operative work and spirit of the Churches of America, and they express the hope that the support of this most efficient organization may be continued by the generous gifts of our people.

Statement by Dr. R. J. Wade, Council of Boards of Benevolence:

I hope you will have a generous response from our Methodist constituency.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resolution by the Board of Sunday Schools, Chicago, Ill., February 7, 1923:

Recognizing the continued need for caring for the orphans rescued from destruction by the Near East Relief and now being trained for self-support and for future leadership in the reconstruction of Armenian Christian civilization, we record our conviction that there should be no lessening of interest in or support of this worthy Christian benevolence by our churches and Sunday Schools in so far as such interest and support may be consistent with immediate responsibilities for our own denominational program.

Statement by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools:

Chicago, Ill., October 9, 1923.

It may well be said of the Near East Relief Committee that it has kept its eyes on the child and its following through the present purpose to instruct and train the fifty thousand or more orphans of the Near East whose lives have been saved is evidence of the truth of my statement.

To have pre-empted a large section of imperiled childhood, and with physical sustenance to have saved it to life and comfort, demands a completion of the opportunity, by training this redeemed talent and giving it leadership over the multitudes yet to come. Such work is an example of effective missionary enterprise.

WILLIAM S. BOVARD.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Endorsement by Board of the Epworth League, Chicago, Ill., June 12-13, 1923:

We are in accord with the purposes of the Near East Relief, and recommend to our young people that they give co-operation to the work of providing for it funds and supplies, by consent of their pastors, and in association with such local committees as may be engaged in this urgent and Christly enterprise.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, SOUTH

Endorsement by the General Conference (Quadrennial), Hot Springs, Ark., May, 1922:

Recommended, That the General Conference urge our people to continue to support with their contributions the work of Near East Relief.

That the General Conference appoint an Advisory Committee to take counsel with the National Committee of Near East Relief as to plans of co-operation, this committee to be composed of two Bishops, to be designated by the College of Bishops, the Chairman of the Commission on Temperance and Social Service, the Editor of the Christian Advocate, the Sunday School Editor, the Epworth League Secretary, the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Secretary of the Board of Education, the President of the Board of Lay Activities, the President of the Women's Council, and three other ministers and six lay members.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., <i>Chairman</i> ,	Mrs. F. F. Stephens,
Washington, D. C.	Columbia, Mo.
Bishop H. M. DuBose,	Rev. F. N. Parker, D.D.,
Berkeley, Cal.	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. W. W. Pinson, D.D.,	Rev. J. Sam Barcus, D.D.,
Nashville, Tenn.	Denton, Texas
Prof. W. P. Few, Ph.D.,	Rev. J. M. Malloy, D.D.,
Durham, N. C.	Nashville, Tenn.
Mr. C. H. Hays,	Rev. E. B. Chappell, D.D.,
Little Rock, Ark.	Nashville, Tenn.

Bishop John M. Moore,
Dallas, Texas
Prof. W. A. Shelton, Ph.D.,
Atlanta, Ga.
Prof. C. M. Woodward, D.D.,
Dallas, Texas
Mr. R. T. Burge,
Los Angeles, Cal.
Rev. A. F. Smith, D.D., Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. J. H. Reynolds, D.D.,
Sherman, Texas
Mrs. J. H. Dickey,
Louisville, Ky.
Mr. John S. Chadwick,
Roanoke, Ala.
Mrs. Luke Johnson,
Atlanta, Ga.

Statement by Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Chairman of Advisory Committee:

After looking them all over (in the fall of 1923), I could say this time that there were as few specked apples in the barrel as I have ever seen in any lot of workers. The thing that impressed me so both trips is that there really was a spirit of deep interest in the work and in the corps of workers that said, "This is our job; it has been given to us and by the help of God we are going to do it." Everywhere I went I had just that sort of feeling—those people are there to do the work to which God has called them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resolution by the General Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., April 18, 1923:

The condition in the Near East since our last meeting has grown worse rather than better. Not only have we on our hands the one hundred thousand and more of children orphaned by former persecutions, but also a large number who have been added by the events of the last twelve months. Therefore be it

Resolved

1. That the support of the work of the Near East Relief be continued; and
2. That we request all our Sunday Schools to take offerings either in the month of December or as early in the year 1924 as possible.

Letter by the General Secretary to Sunday School Superintendents:

Nov. 23, 1923.

Dear Superintendent:

Boys are working in the Near East Relief carpenter shop in Nazareth today because American Sunday Schools reached across the sea and saved them from starvation.

Children are sheltered in Near East Relief Orphanages in Bethlehem where "there was no room in the inn."

Where the Temple looked out over Jerusalem, children you saved are learning to live.

And over in Macedonia other Near East Relief Children are walking where Paul trod.

America is paying her debt to the land that gave us our Bible. I earnestly hope that all our people will continue steadfast in their co-operation with Near East Relief until these children shall be old enough to go out to take their places in the Eastern World as useful citizens filled with the ideals of Christian America.

Our Sunday School Board at its annual meeting, after considering the facts, resolved that the support of the Near East Relief work be continued and that all our Sunday Schools be requested to take an offering. The money should be sent to Dr. E. B. Chappell, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., so that we may know what the church as a whole, through these schools, is able to do. Literature and other assistance can be secured from the Near East Relief offices.

Faithfully and hopefully yours,

J. W. SHACKFORD.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

A topic was given January 21, 1923, and another will be given in 1924.

METHODIST, FREE

Endorsement by the General Conference, Corunna, Michigan, June 21, 1923, adopting the report of the Advisory Committee:

1. The Advisory Committee on Near East Relief recognizes the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by the continuous expulsions of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief and in the excellent work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of a new Near East.
3. We approve the co-operation that our churches and Sunday Schools have given this organization and recommend a continuous interest as long as special assistance is required.
4. We recommend the appointment of an Advisory Committee of five members by this General Conference to co-operate with the American Committee on Near East Relief during the coming quadrennium.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bishop W. A. Sellow,
Jamestown, N. Y.

Bishop Wm. Pearce,
Evanston, Ill.

Bishop W. H. Clark,
Rome, New York

Bishop D. S. Warner,
Spring Arbor, Michigan

Rev. G. W. Griffith, Chicago, Ill.

METHODIST PROTESTANT

Endorsement by the Board of Young People's Work, (including Sunday School work), Washington, D. C., May 16, 1923:

The Board of Young People's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church records with appreciation the splendid co-operation of their Sunday School leaders in presenting Near East Relief to the Sunday Schools and also the generous response which the Sunday Schools have made to this worthy cause.

We recognize that the need for a support fund of large proportions still continues, since more than 100,000 orphan children are dependent upon Near East Relief for their support and that the training for future leadership of this great body of dependent children is not only a responsibility but an opportunity for constructive work never before offered to the American churches.

We, therefore, hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and will co-operate with the Near East Relief in presenting the cause to their Sunday Schools the first week in February except where community campaigns are being promoted at some other date.

We further urge our people to express to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of State the conviction which we find prevalent throughout our constituency, that we are ready to support our Government in further action toward a just settlement of the Near East problems and permanent peace.

A letter was sent by the General Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, to Sunday School Superintendents, quoting this resolution, and emphasizing the "urgent need for a full co-operation on the part of all American churches in a liberal support of this worthy cause."

COMMITTEE

Rev. E. A. Sexsmith,
Baltimore, Md.

Rev. C. E. Wilbur,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. Roby F. Day, Inwood, L. I.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The M. P. Board of Publication granted a topic for the Christian Endeavor in 1923.

MORAVIAN

Endorsement by the Executive Board of the Northern Province, Bethlehem, Pa., May 23, 1923:

It was duly voted to continue the appeal to the Sunday Schools of our Church in behalf of the Near East Relief at the Christmas Season, 1923.

Action by the Provincial Elders' Conference:

Amid the multitude of appeals for relief of various kinds it is difficult to decide which should receive official endorsement. In view of our own limited resources and the great need of our own causes the Provincial Elders' Conference has felt that it could endorse officially, in the sense of recommending an annual offering, only one appeal outside of our own fields of work. Because of its appalling need, of its missionary interests, and personal relationships, the Provincial Elders' Conference has for a number of years recommended that an offering for Near East Relief should be gathered at Christmas time, especially in our Sunday-schools.—(*The Moravian*.)

Letter by the Secretary of Missions to the pastors:

Nov. 9, 1923.

Dear Brother:

Will you please hand this letter to your Sunday School Superintendent and ask him to read it to the school in time for the Christmas offering for the Near East Relief?

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Where the Temple looked out over Jerusalem, children you saved are learning to live.

And over in Macedonia other Near East Relief children are walking where Paul trod.

America is paying her debt to the land that gave us our Bible. I earnestly hope that all our people will continue steadfast in their co-operation with Near East Relief until these children shall be old enough to go out to take their places in the Eastern World as useful citizens filled with the ideals of Christian America.

To this end will you not co-operate in every possible way with the Near East Relief Director for your State when he comes to you?

Very fraternally yours,

PAUL DE SCHWEINITZ.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A.

Endorsement by the General Assembly, Indianapolis, Ind., May 18, 1923:

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., recognizes the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by the continuous expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program of Near East Relief which it is carrying on both in its ministry of relief and in the excellent work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of the new Near East.
3. We approve the co-operation that our churches, Bible schools and various organizations and officials have given this organization, which is finely representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects, and

we urge our people to continue their support, co-operating with Near East Relief in its regular campaigns.

4. *Resolved*, That we continue the Advisory Committee previously appointed to co-operate with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program as follows: (Note—See below).
5. And that we ask our Advisory Committee to consider the question of Justice and protection for religious and racial minorities and co-operate, where they deem wise, with other interested organizations, to develop a public conscience which will support our Government in taking active measures for a permanent and just solution of the Near East situation.

There have been endorsements by at least six Synods and thirty Presbyteries in 1923.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rev. Sherman L. Divine, D.D., <i>Chairman</i> , Rochester, N. Y.	Rev. William C. Covert, D.D., Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Nolan Rice Best, New York, N. Y.	Rev. Henry C. Swearingen, D.D., St. Paul, Minn.
Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, D.D., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Joseph A. Vance, D.D., LL.D., Detroit, Mich.
Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., New York, N. Y.	Rev. J. M. Broady, D.D., Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Calvin C. Hays, D.D., Johnstown, Pa.	Rev. Harold McA. Robinson, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. W. O. Thompson, D.D., Columbus, Ohio	Rev. Leon D. Young, D.D., Dallas, Texas
Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, D.D., New York, N. Y.	Mr. George N. Sutherland, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Stanley White, D.D., New York, N. Y.	Mr. H. H. Seldomridge, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D.D., Paris, France	Mr. A. R. Nicol, New York, N. Y.
Mr. E. M. Bulkley, New York, N. Y.	

JUSTICE PRONOUNCEMENT

Justice pronouncement by the General Assembly:

The grave wrong done to the minority populations in the Near East, involving the expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Christians from their ancestral homes and the elimination of indigenous Christian peoples from Asia Minor presents such a tragic situation and such an appalling violation of every consideration of justice and humanity that we appeal to our Government, even at this late hour, to use its full influence to secure a just and righteous settlement.

Upon our Government there seems to us to rest a heavy responsibility:

We believe that the problem presented by the suffering of one million and three hundred, and ten thousand Greek and Armenian refugees, whose property has been confiscated and who are now crowded into refugee camps without money, without clothing, without food or shelter, is too great to be solved by private charity. The co-operation of the governments of Europe and America is necessary to deal in any adequate way with such a catastrophe. We urge our Government to take a strong initiative in securing the appointment of an International Commission to handle the refugee problem in the Near East. We recognize with appreciation the note sent by the Secretary of State on March 30th to Great Britain, France and Italy suggesting the formation of such an International Commission, and we believe that our Government should press the matter still more vigorously until effective action results. Delay at this critical moment means actual death to thousands. We furthermore believe that our Government should bear its share in providing whatever may be necessary financially to establish the refugees in some place of permanent safety and opportunity.

Statement by Dr. Sherman L. Divine, Chairman:

In accordance with the action of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and because of the appalling need, I desire to state that I have personally seen and carefully appraised the work of the Near East Relief. It is most efficient.

I would urge all pastors and sessions to set aside one Sabbath morning early in the New Year for the presentation of this most sacred cause. Let us not fail to meet our full share of the support of the orphans. Presbyterianism should continue to lead in this beautiful charity.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Resolution by the Board of Christian Education, New York City, Sept. 20, 1923, approving the following recommendation of the former Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board of Christian Education that it continue to co-operate with the work of the Near East Relief as the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work has been doing during the past five years.

Letter to Superintendents from the Secretary of the Division of the Home, Church, and Community:

Dear Superintendent:

Dec. 27, 1923.

To make friends of a whole nation—in this day of world confusion and strife that seems almost too much to hope. Yet that is exactly what America has done in the Near East. Whole peoples are bound with mighty cords to us whom they have not seen, because of the friendship and the succor that has been held out to them in their sufferings.

This is particularly true of literally hundreds of thousands of boys and girls saved from starvation, misery, death—or worse than death—by the loving ministry of Americans through the Near East Relief. Today they are learning to put aside the ancient hates and become strong, manly and womanly Christian citizens, who may some day, by God's grace, help build a new Near East.

In this labor of love Presbyterian Sunday schools have had a fine share, one that they will want to keep up as long as the need lasts. It is still acute. Tens of thousands of boys and girls look to us for food and clothes and shelter and a chance to learn. Let us continue to do all we can. The General Assembly asks you to co-operate heartily in the work of the Near East Relief.

No day is more fitting on which to make a special effort for our young friends and wards under the care of that organization than the Sunday nearest the Gregorian Christmas, which the Armenians celebrate. I am therefore asking, with the hearty backing of the Board of Foreign Missions, that you set aside Sunday, January 20, 1924, if possible, for a thorough presentation of the work in the Near East and a generous offering for it. If for any reason January 20 is inconvenient set some day as soon after that as possible. The local or state director of Near East Relief will be glad to furnish you with attractive program material. Let us all do our utmost for the little ones who have suffered so much.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD McAfee ROBINSON.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S.

Endorsement by the General Assembly, Montreat, N. C., May 22, 1923:

We have heard with profound interest and deeply stirred hearts the story of the latest outbreak of fanatical hatred against the sorely tried Christian peoples of the Near East, which has rendered absolutely homeless the pitiful remnant of a heroic people and made absolutely dependent on charity a great host of orphans and dependent children in addition to the one hundred thousand already being supported and educated by the Near East Relief organization of America. This great host of helpless children must be fed, clothed and trained for Christian citizenship, otherwise a Christian nation will utterly perish.

We, therefore, again record our hearty endorsement of the work of Near East Relief and recommend:

1. That our people be urged to give this cause their earnest sympathy and generous gifts, and that they co-operate in special community, state and area campaigns to secure funds and supplies for this worthy cause.
2. As a special committee to co-operate with the Near East Relief organization in Community drives and other promotional activities we suggest the following committee for the coming year:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

	<i>Synod</i>
Rev. Harry M. Moffett, Birmingham, Ala.	Alabama
Rev. T. J. Hutchinson, Johnson City, Tenn.	Appalachia
Rev. John Van Lear, D.D., Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
Rev. R. H. McCaslin, D.D., Jacksonville, Fla.	Florida
Rev. U. D. Mooney, D.D., New Orleans, La.	Louisiana
Rev. R. E. Hough, Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi
Rev. Wm. Crowe, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.	Missouri
Rev. W. McC. White, D.D., Raleigh, N. C.	North Carolina
Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Columbia, S. C.	South Carolina
Rev. Walter L. Caldwell, D.D., Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
Rev. Wm. M. Anderson, Jr., D.D., Dallas, Texas	Texas
Rev. W. S. Golden, Richmond, Va.	Virginia
Rev. F. C. Brown, Charleston, W. Va.	West Virginia
Dr. A. J. Alexander, Louisville, Ky.	
Rev. J. R. Bridges, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.	
Rev. W. S. Campbell, D.D., Richmond, Va.	
Rev. D. M. Sweets, D.D., Louisville, Ky.	
Rev. Gilbert Glass, D.D., Richmond, Va.	
Rev. M. E. Melvin, D.D., Chattanooga, Tenn.	
Mr. R. E. Magill, <i>Chairman</i> , Richmond, Va.	

Statement by Rev. David H. Scanlon, D.D., Nov. 16, 1923:

During a sojourn in the Near East the early part of this year, I was deeply impressed with the excellent work being done by the Near East Relief for the Armenian orphans. At Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem the orphanages are functioning one hundred per cent, and not only feeding these fatherless little ones but giving suitable manual training to the larger children so as to enable them to make an honorable and comfortable living when released from the sheltering arms of these noble institutions. Words can never describe the gratitude shown Americans by the thousands upon thousands of refugees we saw at Athens, for clothing and food sent to them during these years of war and want; amidst prayers and tears they greeted us.

Since my personal observation of their pitiable condition, no word I can say can state too strongly my commendation of the Near East Relief.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Letter by the General Superintendent of the Committee of Publication to Sunday School Superintendents:

November 9, 1923.

My dear Superintendent:

I am writing again to call your attention to the appealing needs of Near East Relief, and the unparalleled opportunities offered by these stricken people for definite Christian and humanitarian service.

The last General Assembly did not set a special day for Sunday School offering to this cause, but put the matter on the hearts and consciences of our people, leaving the time and methods of contribution open to Church leaders in co-operation with the State Directors of Near East Relief.

I am therefore writing to urge that you lead your Sunday School into definite co-operation with this great humanitarian project which carries out so definitely and vitally the commandment of our Saviour in His concern for the

suffering and needy of the world. American Christians must not fail at any stage of the program in helping and serving these followers of Christ who have suffered terribly, and who are yet in dire extremity and danger of complete loss.

You will hear in due time from the State Near East Relief Director about the plans for your territory. Let me express for the Committee of Publication, which is acting as our Church's official point of contact with Near East Relief, the earnest hope that your school will make a fine contribution toward the feeding and clothing and Christian nurture of the multitude of homeless and helpless children in the Near East.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

GILBERT GLASS.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Letter by Dr. Glass to Christian Endeavor Presidents urging that they co-operate and present Near East Relief with an offering January 21, 1923.

PRESBYTERIAN, CUMBERLAND

Endorsement by the General Synod, Fairfield, Ill., May 18, 1923:

1. We recognize the immediate and compelling need in the Near East, which has been increased and multiplied by the continuous expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program of Near East Relief, which they are now carrying on both in its ministry of relief and in the excellent work of the orphanages, where the children are being educated to become the nucleus of a Near East.
3. We approve the co-operation that our churches, Sunday Schools and various organizations and officials have given this organization, which is finely representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects, and we hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and co-operate with the Near East Relief in its regular campaigns.
4. We recommend the appointment of an Advisory Committee to co-operate with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program.
5. Said Advisory Committee to consider the question of justice and protection for Christian minorities and co-operate where they deem wise with other interested organizations in order to carry on this great work.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rev. J. H. Zwingle,
Bowling Green, Ky.

Rev. A. H. Sykes,
Denver, Tenn.

Rev. A. C. Stribling, Dayton, Tenn.

PRESBYTERIAN, UNITED

Endorsement by the General Assembly, Buffalo, N. Y., May 28, 1923:

1. The United Presbyterian General Assembly recognizes the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by the continuous expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief, and in the work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of a new Near East.
3. We approve the cooperation that our churches, Sunday Schools and various organizations and officials, and especially the Missionary and Efficiency Committee, have given this organization which is representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects, and we hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and co-operate with Near East Relief in its regular campaigns.

4. We approve the appointment of an Advisory Committee to co-operate with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program.
5. We ask this Advisory Committee when appointed to consider the question of justice and protection for Christian minorities and co-operate, where they deem wise, with other interested organizations, to develop a public conscience which will support our Government in taking active measures for a permanent and just solution of the Near East situation.

NOTE: Upon recommendation of the leaders' conference at noon, the Assembly voted that the newly organized General Council is to be the Advisory Committee to Near East Relief as provided for in Section 4 of this resolution.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Rev. W. B. Anderson, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.	Mr. J. A. Gibson, Pittsburg, Kan.
Rev. J. E. Bradford, D.D., Chicago, Ill.	Rev. R. A. Hutchison, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. Paul Calhoun, Omaha, Neb.	Mrs. Aulene Jamison, Greenville, Tenn.
Rev. M. E. Dunn, D.D., Portland, Ore.	Hon. M. Clyde Kelly, Braddock, Pa.
Rev. L. R. Free, Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. M. G. Kyle, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. R. E. English, Grove City, Pa.	Rev. E. C. McGown, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mr. S. A. Fulton, West Allis, Wis.	Mrs. J. D. Sands, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. C. P. Prouditt, D.D., Xenia, Ohio	Rev. J. C. Scouller, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. R. W. Thompson, D.D., Des Moines, Iowa.	Mrs. J. P. White, Cedarville, Ohio.
Mr. D. C. Wills, Cleveland, Ohio.	Rev. J. H. White, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. C. J. Williamson, D.D., New Castle, Pa.	

PRESBYTERIAN, REFORMED

Endorsement by the General Synod, Winona Lake, Ind., June 11, 1923:

1. The Reformed Presbyterian Synod recognizes the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by the continued expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief and in the work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of a new Near East. It is evident that this work must be continued until the children are capable of self-support.
3. We approve the co-operation that our churches, Sabbath Schools, Bible Schools and various organizations and officials and missionaries have given this organization, which is representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects, and hope that our people will continue their support undiminished.
4. We approve the appointment of an Advisory Committee and request our Synod co-operation with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program; the Foreign Board to make this appointment.
5. We ask the Advisory Committee to consider the question of justice and protection for Christian minorities, and co-operate, where they deem wise, with other interested organizations to develop a public conscience which will support our Government in taking active measures for a permanent and just solution of the Near East situation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Samuel R. Boggs, Philadelphia, Pa.	Mr. E. W. Jones, New York City.
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PRESBYTERIAN, ASSOCIATE REFORMED

Endorsement by the Synod, May 2-6, 1923, Chester, South Carolina:

1. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod recognizes the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by the continued expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief, and in the excellent work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of the new Near East. It is evident that this work must be continued until the children are capable of self-support, and especially until the boys can, in some numbers, take the place of the men of effective years who have so generally disappeared.
3. We approve the co-operation that our Churches and Sabbath Schools, Editors, and National, State and District Assemblies and Officials have given this organization, which is finely representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects.
4. We express the hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and co-operate with Near East Relief to make an annual presentation in churches and Sabbath Schools with opportunity for free will offerings, preferably in connection with a Community Campaign or a Church Field Day, or the Armenian Christmas Sabbath, January 20th.
5. We ask the Advisory Committee to consider the question of justice and protection for Christian minorities, and co-operate, where they deem wise, with Near East Relief or with other interested organizations to secure support for the Government in the steps it has taken in this direction and such further action as it may find possible.

Representative: Rev. A. S. Rogers, Rock Hill, S. C.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL

Endorsement by the General Convention (Triennial), Portland, Oregon, September 18, 1922:

Be It Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this Convention endorse and approve Near East Relief as the agency appointed by our Government for administering help in the Near East; and since there exists a Committee appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the Council, in behalf of this Church, to co-operate in the work of Near East Relief, we recommend that in its appeal that Committee call upon our churches, Sunday Schools and other Church Agencies to make place, if possible, for adequate presentation of this cause to our people with opportunity for support, and especially to create a public conscience which shall support our President and Secretary of State in any effort, diplomatic, naval or military, that they may make toward the establishment of justice, mercy and peace in these stricken lands.

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Statement by Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, President National Council, and Chairman Advisory Committee:

I beg to say that I am heartily in sympathy with the work of Near East Relief, and trust that our American people will continue to contribute to its support and carry on the work which has only been begun.

There is no need to discuss the causes of the present distress of so many of our fellow human beings, of women and little children, who, through no fault of theirs, have been hounded like wild beasts, torn from their homes, and driven to misery and starvation. That they are Christians should only intensify our sympathy.

The work, therefore, has only just begun and we must keep it up. As our Lord said: "They cannot recompense you but ye shall be recompensed," and our sufficient motive is that "the love of Christ constraineth us."

CHURCH SCHOOL

Excellent co-operation with the Department of Religious Education.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Endorsement by the General Council (Triennial), May 17, 1921, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Resolved, That the General Council hears with deep satisfaction of the generous response made by our churches to Near East Relief, and urges upon the churches the continuance of their generous gifts for the relief of this sorely distressed area.

The New York and Philadelphia Synod (including New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia) at its meeting in Philadelphia, October 17, 1923, pledged support of Near East Relief by the promise of the churches involved to open their doors to speakers.

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

Endorsement by the General Synod, Asbury Park, N. J., June 5, 1923, adopting the report of the Advisory Committee:

Recognizing the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased by the continuous expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor and appreciating the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by the Near East Relief, we recommend the following for Synod's approval:

First, That our Churches, Bible Schools and other organizations continue their support undiminished and co-operate, to the full extent of their ability, with the Near East Relief in its regular campaigns.

Second, That an advisory committee of seven members be appointed to co-operate with the Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program.

Third, That we ask the Advisory Committee to consider the question of justice and protection for religious minorities in the Near East and co-operate, where they deem wise, with other interested organizations, to develop a public conscience which will support our government in taking active measures for a permanent and just solution of the Near East situation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Mr. Frank Sanford,

New York, N. Y.

Mr. John Borg,

Hackensack, N. J.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Resolution by the Board of Publication and Bible School Work, New York City, May 21, 1923:

The Board of Publication and Bible School Work of the Reformed Church in America in session in New York, May 21, 1923, records with appreciation the splendid co-operation of their Bible School leaders in presenting the Near East Relief to the Bible Schools and also the generous response which the Bible Schools have made to this worthy cause.

We recognize that the need for a support fund of large proportion still continues, since more than 100,000 orphan children are dependent upon Near East Relief for their support, and that the training for future leadership of this great body of dependent children is not only a responsibility but an opportunity for constructive work never before offered to the American churches.

We, therefore, hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and will cooperate with the Near East Relief in presenting the cause to their Bible Schools during the coming year.

A letter sent by the Educational Secretary of the Board of Publication and Bible School Work to the Bible School Superintendents quoted the action of the General Synod and added:

Your hearty cooperation in the past has made it possible to keep multitudes of these children from starvation. If we continue to feed and clothe them, and teach and train them for Christian living, we shall have a Christian Near East in the not distant future.

We trust your School will receive an offering at the time suggested by your Near East Relief State Director and send it to the Near East Relief.

ABRAM DURYEE.

REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U.S.

Endorsement by the General Synod (Triennial), Hickory, N. C., May 23-30, 1923:

1. The Reformed Church in the United States recognizes the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased by the continual expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried on by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief, and in the excellent work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of the new Near East. It is evident that this work must be continued until the children are capable of self-support, the boys especially replacing the men of effective years, who have so generally disappeared.
2. We approve the co-operation that our Churches and Sunday Schools, Church papers and district Synods and Classes have given to this organization, which is finely representative of the Churches of America in its interdenominational aspects.
We express the hope that our people will continue their support undiminished, and co-operate with the Near East Relief to make an annual presentation in Churches and Sunday Schools for pledges and offerings, preferably in connection with a community campaign or a Church field day, or on the second Sunday in January, as has been recommended in our denomination in the past.
3. We approve the appointment of an Advisory Committee of seven to cooperate with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program, and recommend that this Committee designate a sub-committee for quick action when needed.

We ask the Advisory Committee to consider the question of Justice and protection for Christian Minorities and cooperate, where they deem wise, with Near East Relief or with other interested organizations to secure support for the Government in the steps it has taken in this direction and such further action as it may find possible in the future to secure the fundamental rights of these adult refugees and orphan children.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, D.D.,
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D.D.,
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Rev. J. Rauch Stein, D.D.,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Rev. T. A. Alspach,
Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Harry E. Hartman,
Philadelphia, Pa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Letter by the Secretary of the Publication and Sunday School Board to Sunday School Superintendents:

Dear Brethren:

Dec. 26, 1923.

During the recent years I am glad to report that the Sunday Schools of our Reformed Church and those connected with the Union Schools (that is the Lutheran and Reformed denominations) have generously responded to the call for the orphan children in the Near East.

This work has now assumed a somewhat permanent form and the responsibility rests upon the Christian Churches of America. The Publication and Sunday School Board of our Reformed Church heartily commends the cause to all our Schools and expresses the hope that an offering can be made for this work, if pledges have not been made in other ways, on the first or second Sunday of January, 1924.

Cordially yours,

RUFUS W. MILLER.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Since this catalogue is primarily for Protestant ministers, an extended statement of Roman Catholic co-operation is not necessary. But it is of general interest that Near East Relief receives active support and co-operation from the Vatican, several Cardinals and Bishops, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, Women's Catholic Council, and Catholic Benevolent Legion.

UNITARIAN

Endorsement by the General Conference, New Haven, Conn., Sept. 11-16, 1923:

Resolved, That the General Conference of Unitarian and Other Christian Churches records its appreciation of the work of the Near East Relief, especially its care of the many thousands of orphan children, who, without the aid thus rendered, must have died of starvation. We are glad that our Unitarian churches, church schools and other bodies, as well as individuals, have contributed of their means towards this noble mission, and urge upon all our people that they continue and even increase such help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resolution by the Sunday School Society, Boston, Mass., May 24, 1923:

The Unitarian Sunday School Society records with appreciation the splendid co-operation of Sunday School leaders in presenting the Near East Relief to the Sunday Schools, and also the generous response which the Sunday Schools have made to this worthy cause.

We recognize that the need for a support fund of large proportion still continues, since more than 100,000 orphan children are dependent upon Near East Relief for their support and that the training for future leadership of this great body of dependent children is not only a responsibility but an opportunity for constructive work never before offered to the American churches.

We, therefore, hope that our people will continue their support undiminished and will cooperate with the Near East Relief in presenting the cause to their Sunday Schools at the Christmas season except where community campaigns are being promoted at some other date.

Letter by the Secretary of the Department of Religious Education to Sunday School Superintendents:

November 10, 1923.

To the Superintendent:

The Near East Relief again commands our sympathy and rightly calls for our support. This is all the more deserved because circumstances have led those in charge of this work to lay emphasis increasingly on the care of orphans, many thousands of whom are wholly dependent upon American generosity to keep them alive.

The Near East Relief is doing much more, however, than merely keeping these children fed and clothed; it is providing for them an education, secular and religious, that will prepare them for leadership in the new nationalities that are rising upon the ruins of the old. A more magnificent piece of post-war reconstruction is not to be found. Every dollar thus spent is a direct contribution toward a better world order.

Suggestions for the observance of Near East Relief Day and the sending of contributions will come to you through your Near East Relief State Director. Those in charge of this work speak of "the splendid co-operation that the Unitarian people have always given us." I am sure that the cause will again have your hearty interest and support.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM I. LAWRENCE.

UNITED BRETHREN

Endorsement by the General Conference (Quadrennial), Indianapolis, Indiana, May 18, 1921:

Resolved, That the General Conference of the United Brethren in Christ Church approve the efforts to save the lives of the orphan children of the Near East and to rehabilitate through them their nations;

That we give to Near East Relief our unqualified endorsement and co-operation;

That we call upon the people of our local churches and their organizations to pray, work, speak for this cause, and give to it according to their ability;

That we authorize our conferences, our Church periodicals, and our church leaders to render such assistance as they may deem wise;

That we set apart a special Sunday, preferably the Gregorian Christmas, as the time for an offering for this cause;

That said offering be sent to the Conference treasurers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resolution by the Board of Control of Sunday School, Brotherhood and Young People's Work, Decatur, Ill., May 1, 1923:

1. The Board of Control of Sunday School, Brotherhood and Young People's Work, May 1, 1923, recognizes the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by the continued expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor.
2. We appreciate the value of the international constructive program that is being carried on by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief, and in the excellent work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support, the boys especially replacing the men of effective years who have so generally disappeared.
3. We approve the cooperation that our Sunday Schools have given this organization which is finely representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects.
4. We express the hope that as long as the urgent necessity for American relief continues our people will continue their support undiminished and co-operate with Near East Relief to make an annual presentation in our Sunday Schools with opportunity for offerings on the Armenian Christmas, Sunday, January 20th.
5. We ask the Sunday School Department to continue its co-operation with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program.

A letter will be sent January 2, 1924, to Superintendents by the General Secretary, Rev. Chas. W. Brewbaker, Ph.D.

UNIVERSALIST

Endorsement by the General Conference, Providence, R. I., Oct. 24-28, 1923:

We recognize the interest and value of the work of the committee for Near East Relief and other relief organizations similar to the American Red Cross, and we recommend that this committee be continued.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rev. George E. Huntley, D.D., *Chairman*, Rev. J. Fort Newton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass. New York, N. Y.
Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., D.D., Boston, Mass.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Universalist General Sunday School Association again designated its Christmas offering for 1923 to be devoted to Near East Relief. One of their official three annual benevolence offerings.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN UNION

A Near East Relief topic has been granted for Sunday, April 27, 1924.

NATIONAL DENOMINATIONAL ASSEMBLIES AND OUTLINE OF CULTIVATION, 1923

The following table lists the denominations holding General Assemblies this year, and outlines the presentation of Near East Relief made to each with the resulting action.

DENOMINATION (In order of Date)	Platform Presenta- tion	Conference of Commit- tees and Leaders	Exhibit and Literature	Resolution on N. E. R.	Justice Resolution	Advisory Committee officially appointed
Associate Reformed Presby.	X		X	X	Included	
Southern Baptist	X		X	X		F. M. Board
Cumberland Presbyterian	X		X	X	Included	X
Presbyterian Church, U. S.	X	X	X	X		X
Presbyterian Ch., U. S. A.	X	X	X	X	X	X
United Presbyterian	X	X	X	X	Included	Gen. Council
Reformed Church in U. S.	X			X	Included	X
Northern Baptist	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reformed Presbyterian	X		X	X	Included	X
Reformed Ch. in America	X	X		X	Included	X
Free Methodist	X		X	X		X
Church of the Brethren	X		X	X		
Wesleyan Methodist	X					
Church of God	X			X	Included	X
Seventh Day Baptist		X	X			
Disciples	X	X	X	X	Included	X
Unitarian		X	X	X		
Progressive Brethren	X		X	X		
Church of the Nazarene	X					
Reorg. Ch. Latter Day Saints	X		X	X	Included	
Congregational	X	X	X	X	X	X
Universalist	X	X	X	X		X

NOTE—Major denominations not mentioned here, had no General Assemblies in 1923. Endorsements from all are available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CO-OPERATION

The following table lists the Sunday School Resolutions received and letters sent to Superintendents in 1923-4 Season:

DENOMINATION	Resolution	Letter from Board Secretary to S. S. Superintendent
Advent Christian	X	X
Baptist, North	X	X
Baptist, South	Included in Church	
Baptist, 7th Day	X	X
Christian	X	
Church of the Brethren	Included in Church	Handle own campaign
Church of God	Included in Church	
Congregational	Included in Church	X
Disciples of Christ	Included in Church	X
Evangelical Church	X	
Evangelical Synod	X	
Methodist Episcopal	X	Statement
Methodist Episcopal, South	X	X
Methodist, Free	Included in Church	
Methodist Protestant	X	X
Moravian	X	X
Presbyterian, U. S.	Included in Church	X
Presbyterian, U. S. A.	X	X
Presbyterian, Cumberland	Included in Church	
Presbyterian, Reformed	Included in Church	
Presbyterian, Associate Reformed	Included in Church	
Protestant Episcopal	Included in Church	
Reformed Church in America	X	X
Reformed Church in U. S.	Included in Church	X
Unitarian	X	X
United Brethren	X	X
Presbyterian, United	Included in Church	Handle own campaign
Universalist	Handle own campaign	
American Sunday School Union	Handle own campaign	

